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Draft report of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations and its Working Group on the 2008 substantive session

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I. Introduction

1. By its resolution 61/291, the General Assembly welcomed the report of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations (A/61/19 (Parts I-III)), decided that the Special Committee, in accordance with its mandate, shall continue its efforts for a comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects and shall review the implementation of its previous proposals and consider any new proposals so as to enhance the capacity of the United Nations to fulfil its responsibilities in this field, and requested the Committee to submit a report on its work to the General Assembly at its sixty-second session.

II. Organizational matters

A. Opening and duration of the session

2. The Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations held its 2008 session at United Nations Headquarters from 10 March to 4 April 2008 and held ... formal and ... informal meetings.

3. The session was opened by the Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations. At the 201st (opening) meeting, on 10 March, the Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations and the Officer-in-Charge of the Department of Field Support delivered statements.

4. The Department of Peacekeeping Operations and the Department of Field Support provided support to the Committee on substantive issues, while the Disarmament and Peace Affairs Branch of the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management served as the technical secretariat of the Committee.

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B. Election of officers

5. At its 201st meeting, the Committee elected its officers by acclamation as follows:

Chairperson:
Mr. Felix Ani Aniokoye (Nigeria)

Vice-Chairpersons:
Mr. Diego Limeres (Argentina)
Mr. Henri-Paul Normandin (Canada)
Mr. Akio Miyajima (Japan)
Mr. Zbigniew Szlek (Poland)

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C. Agenda

6. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the provisional agenda (A/AC.121/2008/L.1), which read:

1. Opening of the session.
2. Election of officers.
3. Adoption of the agenda.
4. Organization of work.
5. General debate.
6. Briefings by the Secretariat.
7. Consideration of the draft report of the Working Group.
8. Adoption of the report to the General Assembly at its sixty-second session.
9. Other matters.

D. Organization of work

7. Also at its 201st meeting, the Committee decided to establish an open-ended working group, to be chaired by Mr. Henri-Paul Normandin (Canada), to consider the substance of the mandate entrusted to the Committee by the General Assembly.

8. The composition of the Committee at its 2008 session is contained in the annex to the present report. The list of participants at the session is contained in A/AC.121/2008/INF/2. The list of documents for the session is contained in A/AC.121/2008/INF/3.

E. Proceedings of the Committee

9. At its 201st to 204th meetings, on 10 and 11 March, the Committee held a general debate on the matters presented in the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the recommendations of the Committee (A/62/627 and Add.1).

10. During the course of the session, the Secretariat provided informal briefings to the Working Group on the following topics: restructuring of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations and the Department of Field Support, security sector reform, welfare and recreation, safety and security, fatalities, United Nations policing, strengthening of the Office of Military Affairs, enhanced rapidly deployable capacities and recruitment issues.

11. The Working Group held ___ meetings, from 24 March to 4 April, and concluded its work on the draft recommendations.

III. Consideration of the draft report of the Working Group

12. At its 205th meeting, on 4 April, the Committee considered the recommendations of the Working Group and decided to include its recommendations in the current report (see paras. 14-__) for consideration by the General Assembly.

IV. Adoption of the report to the General Assembly at its sixty-second session

13. At its 205th meeting, on __ April, the Committee adopted its draft report (A/AC.121/2008/L.2) to the General Assembly.

V. Proposals, recommendations and conclusions of the Committee

14. [to be included]

Annex

Composition of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations

Members: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Moldova, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Palau, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor-Leste, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Observers: Andorra, Angola, Botswana, Comoros, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Eritrea, Myanmar, Nicaragua, Panama, Somalia, Viet Nam, Holy See, African Union, European Community, International Committee of the Red Cross, International Criminal Court, International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL), International Organization of la Francophonie, Sovereign Military Order of Malta.